

The “Primer”



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Wire Repair on the Ranges:

For decades, it’s been standard practice for members to repair the target line wires when they shoot them down. [all members are directed to perform this task during orientation] Until recently, most members have performed this duty as you’d expect. However, over the past year it’s been noted that at any time, as many as half the target wires on the pistol range will be down or in a state of disrepair or improperly repaired when examined. Club officers (all volunteers) have spent many hours repairing these wires so members could enjoy the range without working first to repair damage left by inconsiderate or uncaring members who’ve left them down. ***That practice is discontinued immediately. “The Club” will no longer repair any wires.***

If you wish to use the pistol range (or any range) and you find the target line wires down or in a state of disrepair or improperly repaired, that means another member who used the range previously has left them for **you** to fix before you can use that target line. I am directing all elected or appointed officers of the club to cease wire repair immediately thus placing this duty on the membership at large. You may sort it amongst yourselves. **If you see a member leaving the range and wires are down, either you can say something to them about leaving them down or you can get your pliers and you can repair their damage.**

It is no longer the responsibility of the club’s management to repair any target line wires. I do not understand where the break down in the established practice occurred, but I will not have volunteer workers spend one more minute repairing the damaged wires left down by inconsiderate and selfish members.

Water Line Extension Work to Begin Thursday, March 23rd, 2023:

The water line is being extended from the Pistol Bay One stub out all the way down the back of the berms along the road, rifle and pistol ranges, to termination at the old Black Powder Range overhead cover (planned picnic/meeting area). Do not park any vehicle along or on any road, shoulder, side of any road, turn out, or in the parking lot in a line from the 100 yard rifle range stairs to the pistol range stairs while this work is completed Thursday and Friday. Do not interfere with the contractor and follow any of their instructions to prevent delays in completion of this work. Thanks for your cooperation.

A BIG Thank You to the Members Who Helped!

I want to thank Ernie Campbell (Vice President), Mike Jones, Lee Pennington, David Ellerbrock, Milton Smeltz, and Justin Martin for all the hard, dirty, difficult work getting this fertilizer and grass seed worked into the soil and the erosion mats placed on the downslopes. This was Justin Martin's very first

day at the club, him having just attended orientation before volunteering to help us. Thanks again for all your hard work!

Grass has been planted on the pistol bay floors and the pads to the left and right of the conex box. Please do not drive into the pistol bays or onto the pads left and right of the conex box as we're attempting to establish more grass on these areas of open ground. There are no exceptions to this, if you must unload your targets directly on the ground from your vehicle, use the general purpose range for the next three weeks. The pistol bays are open for use, just not driving onto them.